

The commission should not further relax media access rules. In the Louisville, Kentucky market, the top 8 radio stations in this market, including the top 3 AM stations are all owned by one company. This has stifled competition and limited opportunities for new programming to enter this market. Shows have left our market because they get shelved or are shut out from stations that have enough listener base to make them profitable.

I am all for free enterprise. This is not free enterprise as it is intended to be. It is quite possible to have what amounts to a monopoly without running up against the legal definition of one. This is what is happening with media conglomerates. Their capital resources make the price of competition so high that it becomes impossible for a business to get started.

Radio used to be wonderfully diverse. Now we have a monolithic presentation that differs only in the call letters. Please take action to stop this erosion of diversity.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.